Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 31 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 01 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 31 Mar 2023 at 02:38 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high confidence over the coming days, but lower for extent of low cloud and mist on Friday.

Headline for Friday 31 Mar 2023: Cloudy and misty in the east, brighter in the west.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 31 Mar 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG
Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

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Weather: Cloudy across the Cairngorms with some occasional light rain or higher summit snow. A mostly dry day west of the A9 with cloud more broken and some bright spells.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Best chance west of the A9, 30% acros the Cairngorms

Low cloud and visibility: Low cloud pushing in to eastern parts by dawn, with cloud base 500-700m, bringing some misty conditions, this persisting throughout the day. Generally good visibility in the west but low cloud, base 700-800m, affecting the west into the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	24/32 SE	18/25 E	18/25 E	13/18 SE	10/14 SE	10/14 SE	11/16 SE
900	16/20 E	12/16 E	17/25 SE	13/18 SE	11/16 SE	11/15 SE	12/17 SE
600	6/8 N	5/8 SE	11/20 E	9/16 SE	10/14 SE	9/13 SE	10/15 SE
300	2/3 NE	3/9 E	8/16 E	10/18 E	8/15 E	5/10 E	6/11 E
Glen	2/6 N	4/10 NE	5/13 E	6/14 E	5/13 E	4/11 NE	3/7 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-6	1/-5	0/-6	-0/-5	-1/-6	-3/-8	-4/-10
900	4/-0	4/-0	4/-0	4/0	3/-1	1/-3	0/-5
600	5/3	5/3	6/3	6/3	5/2	4/0	2/-1
300	5/4	7/6	9/7	8/6	6/4	5/3	4/1
Glen	4/4	8/6	10/8	10/7	8/5	5/2	4/2
Freezing Level*	1400m	1400m	1400m	1400m	1300m	1000m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note cold temperatures at height

Forecast for Saturday 01 Apr 2023
Weather: Low cloud persisting through Saturday but brightening up in the west at times into the afternoon and evening. Some occasional light rain or summit snow across the Cairngorms.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 10-15 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, improving to 60% in the west into the afternoon. 40% across the region into the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Low cloud, base 600-800m, improving in the west later. Further low cloud pushing in from the west into the evening and visibility reducing to poor at times in rain or drizzle.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to plus 8 Celsius.
At 800m: 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 900 metres

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